

# ST. PATRICK CATHOLIC CHURCH

500 S. CANAL ST.  
SPENCERVILLE, OH 45887



*December 7, 2025  
Second Sunday of  
Advent*

## **MASS SCHEDULE**

**Sunday Mass 10:30 a.m.**

**Wednesday Mass 6:30 p.m.**

(Rosary 6:10 p.m.)

Adoration/Confessions

7:10 p.m. – 8:00 p.m.

Benediction 8:00 p.m.

## **PASTOR**

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## **BAPTISM**

Please call the parish office three months prior to your child's baptismal date to schedule pre-baptismal instructions.

## **MATRIMONY**

Please contact the Parish House at least six months in advance to schedule your wedding preparation and celebration.



**Today's Mass Intentions are for Gene Lenhart, Margaret Lenhart Fischer and Frank Lenhart. Wednesday Mass Intentions are for Jacob Silverman, Sister Immacolata and Joe Greve**



### **Feasts of Mary During Advent**

The Church celebrates several feasts of Mary during the Advent Season. This helps us focus our attention on the woman chosen by God to bring Christ into the world. Tomorrow, December 8, is the Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception, a holy day of obligation. On this day, we reflect on the singular privilege of Mary's sinlessness. From the very moment of her conception, she was full of grace. God prepared her for the destiny of being Theotokos, the Mother of God. We pray through her powerful intercession to be more aware of the action of grace in our own lives. At Baptism, we were freed from original sin and its effects. In the Sacrament of Reconciliation grace is restored and deepened within us. Let us be grateful for the wonderful gift of grace.

Four days later, on December 12, we remember Our Lady of Guadalupe, Mother of America and Star of the New Evangelization. This feast commemorates the final apparition of Mary to St. Juan Diego, a poor Mexican catechumen, to whom she chose to reveal her mercy and love between December 9-12 in 1531. On that day, the miracles of Mary's imprinting her image on Juan's tilma and of roses blooming in winter occurred. On the image, Mary is wearing the traditional dress and dark sash of a pregnant woman. So, she is easily recognized as the Advent Mary. Let us be aware of Mary's nearness and her maternal protection as

Mother of us all.

A less known feast of Mary occurs on December 18. The Expectation of Mary or Our Lady of the Expectation. This feast day encourages us to walk with Mary, full of hope and preparing our hearts for Christ's birth. It can be traced back to the 7<sup>th</sup> Century in Spain and was originally the feast of the Annunciation. The feast encourages us to consider the feelings of Mary before she gave birth to Jesus. It highlights the anticipation of Christmas and makes the last few days of Advent unique opportunities for us to meditate on the role of Mary in the Mystery of the Incarnation and Birth of Christ.

*Advent*  
*of Mercy*

**Weekly Confession Times**  
Wednesdays 7:00-7:45pm

**Morning of Mercy**  
Sunday, December 21  
9:15-10:15am, 11:30-All Heard

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### **ANNOUNCEMENT FOR HIGH SCHOOL TEENS**

There are still 10 spots open for the annual March for Life trip this year. For more information contact Mrs. Wendy Gerstner at Delphos St John's.

### **K of C Breakfast with Santa**

Breakfast with Santa at the Delphos K of C on Sunday, Dec. 14<sup>th</sup> from 8-noon. Santa will be there with the elves and the Grinch. Sausage, eggs, and all your breakfast favorites. Presents for all the children! Donations accepted. Knights of Columbus, 1011 Elida Rd. Delphos. If you need to contact them, please call 419-692-7731 or 419-615-2445.

**Last Weekend's Gifts  
November 30, 2025**

**Total Offering: \$1,439.00**  
 Sunday Envelopes: \$ 1,141.00  
 Loose Offering: \$ 248.00  
 Retirement for Religious: \$ 50.00

**Thank You!**

**Retirement Fund for Religious**

Many senior sisters, brothers and religious order priests served for years for little to no pay. Today, religious communities often do not have enough savings to meet retirement needs. Your support helps provide medications, nursing care, and more. Please give to those who have given a lifetime.

**Birthday Celebration**

Father Jeff Walker is turning 40  
 Join us for an open house to celebrate!  
 Sunday, December 14 at the  
 DELPHOS KNIGHTS OF  
 COLUMBUS HALL  
 2:00PM - 5:00PM



**Message from Café Team Landeck 5:30 Mass**

Cafe suppers will be on the 2nd and 4th Sundays. All are welcome! Join us for our 4th annual Christmas Fund Raiser on

Dec 14th. Join us for a pasta meal and help a family this Christmas. Take a chance on donated basket raffles. 1 ticket for \$1.00 or 6 for \$5.00. Men's basket- grill master set, women's - saved by grace bag set, ACE Hardware gift card, Christmas gift basket with \$100.00 Gas card, and for children a ski scooter with 20 mode LED lights. And new this

***Ministry Schedule***

<b>Second Sunday of Advent December 7<sup>th</sup> ~ 10:30 a.m. Mass</b>		<b>Third Sunday of Advent December 14<sup>th</sup> ~ 10:30 a.m. Mass</b>	
<b>Commentator</b>	Bev Wisher	<b>Commentator</b>	Dorothy DeVilbiss
<b>Reader</b>	Charlotte Goecke	<b>Reader</b>	Kathy Keller
<b>Communion Distributors</b>	Colleen Richmond Bill Wisher Kathy Goecke <b>Choir: Jim Bowersock</b>	<b>Communion Distributors</b>	Mary Ellen Lenhart Mike Lammers Dave Butorac <b>Choir: Ben Wilker</b>
<b>Servers</b>	Owen Sensabaugh Will Sensabaugh Blake Sensabaugh	<b>Servers</b>	Luke Butorac Noah Stewart Cooper Bowersock
<b>Money Counters</b>	Bill & Bev Wisher Alan & Marie Wynk	<b>Money Counters</b>	Bill & Bev Wisher Alan & Marie Wynk
<b>Mass Set-Up</b>	Allen Merricle	<b>Mass Set-Up</b>	Henry Wiss

**Landeck CLC Christmas Party** is Tuesday, Dec. 9<sup>th</sup>. Doors open at 5:30, meal will be at 6 pm. Please call Tess at (567) 204-1305 for reservations.

### **Shoebox Project**

The annual trip of the high school students to purchase smaller items with which to fill the “shoe boxes” for needy families is scheduled for this Wednesday, December 10. If you have any additional items, please put them in the boxes at the church entrance by next Sunday, December 14. Our high school students will be at the door after Mass today to accept any monetary donations for the Shoebox Project.

### **Immaculate Conception Evening Mass**

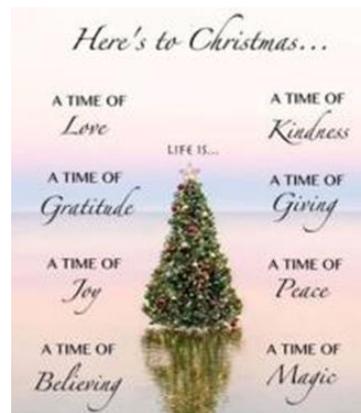
Our holy day Mass on **Monday, December 8, will be celebrated at 6:00 p.m.** Please notice the change in time and don't forget that it is a holyday of obligation!

### **Decorating Church for Christmas**

You are invited to come to help decorate our Church for Christmas on **Sunday, December 21** after the 10:30 a.m. Mass. It is a wonderful time to experience the joy of being together and making our Church beautiful for welcoming the Christ Child.

### **Christmas Eve Mass and Pageant**

Our PSR students will perform a sacred Christmas Pageant before the 4:30 p.m. Christmas Eve Mass. Kindly be in your pews by 4:10. Thank you.



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### **Christmas Poinsettias**

Once again, we will be decorating the church for Christmas with beautiful poinsettias. The cost is a donation offering of whatever you feel is appropriate and can afford. Please fill out this form and place it in the collection with your payment or give to one of the Sisters by **Wednesday December 17<sup>th</sup>**.

**Purchaser's Name:** \_\_\_\_\_

**In memory of** (someone that has passed away)

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**In honor of:** (ex. Birthday, Ann., Thinking of You, etc....)

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